

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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ESTABLISHMENT OF AEROSPACE COMMAND
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to establish an Aerospace Command for deploying long range ballistic missiles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the proposed Command is likely to be established; and
- (d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken for modernization of Indian Air Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) to (c): It may not be in the interest of National Security, to furnish the information.
- (d) Modernization of IAF is a continuous process. Number of steps are taken to enhance the strength and firepower of IAF. Squadron force levels are being augmented by inducting new aircraft, ground equipment and other weapon systems, including Force Multipliers.